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Between Clermont & Mackay
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ALONG THE MINING TRAIL

The Mining Trail of Mackay – Isaac region in Queensland spans some 300 km between Clermont and Mackay / Hay Point on the coast. It follows the passage of coal from our mines in the Bowen Basin, to the place of export to our overseas customers. A tourist route less travelled, the route will introduce you to wide, beautiful landscapes, historic towns, vibrant mining communities, impressive man-made works, and the friendly folk of our prosperous hinterland. We urge you take a few days to discover and enjoy this very special part of Australia.

HISTORIC CLERMONT

This was the first inland settlements in the tropics and consequently one of the most historic towns of northern Australia. It has a colourful past rich in drama and laced with tragedy and is a frontier town in the truest sense. Soon after 1861, payable gold was found in the area, and the first miners pitched camp alongside Hood’s Lagoon. Among Clermont’s new prosperity are the remnants and reminders of earlier times – gold rushes, floods, copper mining booms, timbergetters and shearers, stockmen and squatters.

Call 4983 4755 for general information.

DISCOVER OUR AWESOME

MINING INDUSTRY

Escorted Mine Tours are possible from Clermont or Moranbah. The Blair Athol Mine Tours operate every Tuesday and Friday from Clermont Visitor Information Centre at 8.45am. The tour includes a visit to Blair Athol Mine and Clermont attractions such as historic Copperfield. A small fee is charged for entry into the Museum and included morning tea.

Bookings are essential tel 4983 3292 or 4983 4755. Peak Downs mine is approximately 40km from Moranbah and morning tours depart on the last Wednesday of each month from the Isaac Regional Council office.

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WET A LINE AT THERESA CREEK DAM

Theresa Creek Dam is located approximately 20km south-west of Clermont and is an idyllic recreation area (shared by plenty of native wildlife) offering camping sites for a nominal fee. Dam facilities include toilets, hot shower, picnic tables, barbecues and swimming areas. Take to the water by motor boat or ski. You can fish from the shore, or launch your own tinnie to catch golden perch, jewfish, baramundi, silver perch and/ or red-claw. To fish at Theresa Creek Dam you’ll need a Stocked Impoundment Permit (except for red-claw), which covers all dams in Queensland.

Call 4983 2327 for site bookings and information.

MORANBAH

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Moranbah was created in 1971 to house employees of Goonyella and Peak Downs mine. The town is well equipped with modern facilities, great shopping, excellent coffee shops and dining, to serve residents and travellers. Moranbah’s newly refurbished town centre includes an interesting water feature, a child’s play area with interactive musical instruments, a model of an open cut mine in the foyer of the Isaac Regional Council office and the Coalface Gallery featuring local and visiting artists works.

TRY GOLD FOSSICKING

The Clermont district still has quantities of this precious metal awaiting treasure seekers. Many fine nuggets have been found in recent years by people using gold detectors. Afternoon get-togethers at the Clermont Caravan Park during peak season provide travellers with an opportunity to swap their “Treasure - hunting” stories. To legally fossick, a license and fossicking kit must be purchased - from Clermont Detectors, or the Clermont Caravan Park – fossicking equipment such as metal detectors may also be hired.

Call Clermont Detectors tel 4983 2002.
Nebo is the centre of a wealthy beef cattle industry, as well as an important coal mining service centre. Formerly the Fort Cooper Hotel (named after the fortress-like landmark nearby), Nebo’s heritage-listed hotel has been overlooking Nebo Creek since 1862. It retains great character and is well worth a visit to soak up the history and culture while enjoying a cool ale or tasty lunch. While in Nebo, don’t miss the nearby spectacular murals at The Mac Village – they stretch for over 260 metres depicting significant people and events in Australian history. Guided tours (optional) can be booked at The Mac Village tel 4950 5299 where meals and beverages can also be purchased at the Tavern. The Nebo Rodeo (May) and Campdraft (June/July) are world-class events. Call 4950 5733 for further information.

Friendly Sarina and its pretty coastline offer travellers a wealth of places and activities to enjoy. At the central Field of Dreams you’ll find the Sarina Sugar Shed – Australia’s only working miniature sugar mill and distillery, the impressive Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Centre, the Art Gallery and Historic Centre. Within minutes drive, are superb beaches, picnic spots, accommodation and caravan park options, along with boat ramps, fishing and crabbing, and the nearby Cape Palmerston National Park. Call 4956 2251 for further information.

Lake Elphinstone is a natural freshwater lake (8km by 6km) adjacent to the road between Nebo (60km) and Glenden (30km). The lake is renowned for water sports such as water skiing, and has a significant bird population. Relatively shallow in parts, and with a small catchment area, it has been known to dry out in drought periods. Camping in the recreation reserve is free of charge; toilets and showers are available, however there is only limited drinking water and no electricity. Nearby Glenden offers accommodation and meals, and the road provides excellent views of the Connors Range – diamond cliffs, the Bluff and the three Marlin Spikes.

Hay Point is a fascinating place – seen by few Australians, yet one of the most important export locations in our whole country. Drive up to the hilltop lookout and you’ll see the world’s largest coal port in action, capable of exporting well over 100 million tonnes of thermal and metallurgical coal per annum. Coal is supplied to the two terminals by trains carrying up to 10,000 tones of coal per load, from a rail network that is capable of delivering more than 30 trains in a 24 hour period.

Once the cargo has been assembled and is ready to be sent to the wharf, ships are berthed under the supervision of experienced marine pilots that are transferred by helicopter to the ships 24 hours a day. Many of the ships can carry over 200,000 tonnes, and transport the coal to buyers throughout the world.

Mount Britton is a long abandoned former gold mining town from the 1800s that is also famous for rare geological formations (fossils). Rustic shelters and old mining equipment are on display with quality interpretive material. You can camp overnight, take wilderness hikes and try fossicking. Nearby Moonlight Dam is the southern end of the Mackay Highlands Great Walk (three to five days) stretching through picturesque escarpment landscapes to Eungella at the head of the Pioneer Valley. Call Parks and Wildlife for further information – tel 4958 4753.
Hiking Trails
- Enjoy some of the area's most outstanding walking trails for both the novice and recreational hiker.

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• CHARTERS TOWERS - 375 KM
• GREGORY DEV. ROAD
• BLACKWATER INTERNATIONAL COAL CENTRE
Don't miss the Blackwater International Coal Centre located on the Capricorn Highway at Blackwater approx 75 km east of Emerald. The BICC is open from 9 am till 5 pm seven days a week – tel 4982 7755.

Other Locations
- THERESA CREEK DAM
- CAPELLA
- GILBERTS DOME
- PEAK HILL

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Blackwater International Coal Centre
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**COLLINSVILLE COAL FACE EXPERIENCE**

Visit the Coalface Experience museum at Collinsville, to discover the unique hardships endured by workers in Australia’s coal mining history.

Open daily from 7am tel 4785 5452

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**ROAD CONDITIONS**

Throughout the route, you may encounter cattle trains, heavy vehicles or escorted traffic transporting large mining equipment. When encountering such vehicles on narrow roads, slow right down and move to the left of the road, keeping your right wheels on the bitumen to avoid getting bogged and obeying all police instructions. Take particular care when overtaking road trains: allow at least one kilometre of clear road ahead.
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HEAD SOUTH TO REACH
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NATIONAL PARK

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Great Function Room for Seminars, Meetings, Dinners, Award Nights, Weddings etc.

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COME & ENJOY
MORANBAH COMMUNITY WORKERS CLUB

- Great Members Promotions running throughout the year
- Mini Minors - Indoor/outdoor Kids Play Area
- Outdoor Dining Area - Bistro open seven days a week for lunch 12-2pm and dinner 5.30pm-8.30pm
- State of the art Gaming Lounge
- Club Coffee (Open seven days a week serving great cakes and coffee)
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Moranbah Community Workers Club Inc.
49-55 Mills Ave - PO Box 452, Moranbah 4744
Phone 4941 6060 - Fax 4941 5281

ENJOY THE JOURNEY....AND DRIVE SAFELY!

The Mining Trail covers a long distance and apart from the attractions listed above, there are endless other sights and features to absorb and enjoy. Between Clermont and Moranbah, for instance, unusual terrain and outcrops such as Wolfang Peak, and the Peak Range National Park. Heading east, the landscape greens towards the coastal range, and the Nebo / Sarina road offers particularly spectacular views. The western face of the coastal range around Homevale and Mount Britton is very scenic, and the Lizzie Creek Road, subject to weather and road conditions is well worth the detour, linking the Pioneer Valley with the Mining Trail.
### WALKERSTON
- Duke of Edinburgh Hotel Ph: 4959 2216
- O’Sheas Hotel – Motel Ph: 4959 2200

### ETON & HOMEBUSH
- Eton Hotel Ph: 4954 1324
- General Gordon Hotel Ph: 4959 7324
- Stoney Creek Farmstay Ph: 4954 1177

### ALLIGATOR CREEK
- Alligator Creek Store & Caravan Park Ph: 4956 4100
- Moana Caravan Park Ph: 4956 4165

### HAY POINT
- Bakers Creek Caravan Park Ph: 4952 2806
- Hay Point Caravan Park Ph: 4956 3413
- Hay Point Hotel – Motel Ph: 4956 3266

### SALONIKA BEACH
- Sea Eagles Beach Resort Ph: 4943 5000

### GRASSTREE BEACH
- Grasstree Beach B & B Ph: 4956 6428
- Grasstree Beach CWA Cottage Ph: 4956 1572

### SARINA
- Grand Central Hotel Ph: 4956 1627
- Kookaburra Cottage B & B Ph: 4956 2636
- Mansfield Park Farm Stay Ph: 4950 4247
- Sarina Hotel Ph: 4956 1686
- Sarina Motor Inn Ph: 4943 1431
- Sarina Palms Caravan Village Ph: 4956 1892
- Tandara Hotel – Motel Ph: 4956 1323
- Tramway Motel Ph: 4956 2244
- Tropicana Caravan Park Ph: 4956 1480

### NEBO
- The MAC Services Group Ph: 4950 5299
- Nebo Motel & Caravan Park Ph: 4950 5130
- Nebo Hotel Ph: 4950 5102
- Retreat Hotel Ph: 4954 1239
- Stay-A-While Caravan Park Ph: 4950 5405
- BP Junction Ph: 4949 4200

### GLENDEEN
- Glenden Country Motor Inn Ph: 4958 9288

### MORANBAH
- Black Nugget Hotel – Motel Ph: 4941 7185
- Coal Country Caravan Park Ph: 4941 7174
- Drovers Rest Motel Ph: 4941 7888
- Moranbah Accommodation Centre Ph: 4941 5877
- Moranbah Caravan Village Ph: 4941 7186
- Moranbah Isaac Motel Ph: 4941 6656
- Moranbah Motor Inn Ph: 4941 9711
- Moranbah Outback Motel Ph: 4941 7555
- Western Heritage Motor Inn Ph: 4940 4500

### CLERMONT
- Clermont Caravan Park Ph: 4983 1927
- Clermont Hotel – Motel Ph: 4983 1815
- Clermont Motor Inn Ph: 4983 3133
- Commercial Hotel Ph: 4983 3884
- Grand Hotel – Motel Ph: 4983 1188
- Leo Hotel – Motel Ph: 4983 1566
- Peppercorn Motel Ph: 4983 1033

### DYSART
- Dysart Caravan & Accommodation Centre Ph: 4958 1194
- Country Roads Motor Inn Ph: 1300 365 586